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February 1990 Monthly Oversight Report

Standard Chlorine Site Delaware City, Delaware TES7-C03041-RT-BPDB-02

Dear Ms. Spiewak:

Please find enclosed the February 1990 Monthly Oversight Report at the Standard Chlorine site in Delaware City, Delaware as partial fulfillment of the reporting requirements for this work assignment.

If you have any comments regarding this submittal, please contact me at (215) 293-0450 within two weeks of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

CDM Federal Programs Corporation (FPC)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

CDM Federal Programs Corporation (FPC) received a work assignment (WA No. C03041) for continued enforcement support to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III during a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the Standard Chlorine of Delaware, Inc. (SCD) site located in Delaware City, Delaware. The TES VII Team Member is conducting oversight of field investigations performed by the RP and their contractor, Roy F. Weston, Inc., and their drilling subcontractor, James C. Anderson Drillers.

Standard Chlorine of Delaware, Inc. manufactures chlorobenzenes on a 46-acre site in Delaware City, Delaware. In September 1981, about 5,000 gallons of monochlorobenzene spilled from a railroad car on the Standard Chlorine property. Subsequent sampling was performed and identified chlorobenzenes in onsite soils, in shallow ground water underlying the site, and in nearby Red Lion Creek. The RP and their contractor, Roy F. Weston, Inc., have studied this problem and have prepared reports on the extent of contamination, evaluated remedial alternatives and feasible technologies, and have begun recovery of contaminated ground water at the site. In September 1985, the SCD site was proposed by the EPA for the National Priorities List (NPL).

On January 5, 1986, onsite storage tanks ruptured and 562,000 gallons of paradichlorobenzene and trichlorobenzene were spilled onto the SCD property and into the adjacent wetlands. The RP engaged a remedial contractor and initiated clean-up activities within hours of the spill occurrence. The RP and the clean-up contractor prepared the ESD detailing emergency clean-up activities and ongoing remedial activities at the SCD site.

Standard Chlorine signed a consent order with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) on January 22, 1988. As required in the consent order, they submitted a Phase I RI/FS work plan for approval by DNREC. The consent order was then amended so that a single sitewide RI/FS could be performed. A revised RI/FS work plan was then submitted to EPA and DNREC and was approved for the current activities at the SCD site.

2.0 SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The TES VII Team Member conducted oversight of the RP contractor field investigations from February 7, 1990, through February 23, 1990, at the SCD site located in Delaware City, Delaware. A summary of the field activities observed by the TES VII Team Member are presented in this section. Details of the daily activities performed at the site were recorded in the field notebook. Copies of the notebook are included as Attachment 1.

The following personnel were at the SCD site between February 7, 1990 and February 23, 1990:

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	Dates at Site
Jan Spohn David Spencer	TES VII Team TES VII Team	February 7, 8, 9, 20, 21, and 23 February 14, 15, and 16
David Cairns	Weston	February 7, 8, 9, 14, and 15
Lyn Lawlor	Weston	February 9, 16, 20, 21, and 23
Pat Duran	Weston	February 8 and 9
John Urban	J.C.A. Drilling	February 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16
Joe Jester	J.C.A. Drilling	February 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 20
		21, and 23
Dave Borrel	J.C.A. Drilling	February 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16
Chris McCardy	J.C.A. Drilling	February 20, 21, and 23
Bob Touhey	SCD	February 14, 16, 20, 21, and 23
Mike Apgar	Delaware DNREC	February 15 and 20
Bob Guarni		February 15
Bernice Pasquini	U.S. EPA	February 15

Monitoring well MW-1 was installed from February 7, 1990, to February 9, 1990. The well was drilled to a depth of 74.5 feet below the ground surface. The water table was reached at 36 feet below the ground surface, and clay was first encountered at a depth of 74 feet. The well screen was placed to a depth of 74.5 feet and consisted of a 10-foot section of 4-inch diameter stainless steel with a 0.020-inch slot size. The riser pipe consisted of 66.5 feet of 4-inch diameter carbon steel. A sandpack was placed up to 57 feet below the ground surface using 700 pounds of sand. A bentonite seal was placed by tremie on top of the sandpack using 30 - 35 gallons of bentonite slurry. Finally, grout was tremied on top of the bentonite seal using 100 gallons of a cement/bentonite (5%) mix. The following HNu and OVA readings were obtained from the following depths for well MW-1:

Depth	HNU Reading	OVA Reading
0 - 2 feet	-	1 ppm
3 - 5 feet	-	•
8 - 10 feet	-	0 ppm
13 - 15 feet	-	0 ppm
18 - 20 feet	-	0 ppm
23 - 25 feet	•	1 ppm
28 - 30 feet	-	0 ppm
33 - 35 feet	· ·	1 ppm
38 - 40 feet	-	1 ppm
43 - 45 feet	4 ppm	3 ppm
48 - 50 feet	5 ppm	4 ppm
53 - 55 feet	1 ppm	1 ppm
58 - 60 feet	2 ppm	3 ррш
63 - 65 feet	-	12 ppm
65 - 67 feet	4 ppm	12 ppm
67 - 69 feet	15 ppm	6 ppm
69 - 71 feet	60 ррш	60 ppm
71 - 73 feet	-	400-500 ppm
73 - 75 feet	100 ppm	>1000 ppm

During drilling, all cuttings were drummed, and the split-spoon sample with the highest HNu reading was collected for laboratory analysis. All drilling and sampling was conducted in Level D personal protection. The drilling rig and equipment were steam cleaned prior to and after well installation, and the split-spoon samplers were decontaminated with an Alconox-detergent wash, a tap water rinse, a methanol rinse, and a final DI water rinse.

In addition to drilling and monitoring well installation, well development was also performed between February 7 and 9, 1990. During this time, monitoring well MW-7 was developed by first blowing air into the well using an air compressor to clean the well screen. Then, the well was purged by pumping at a rate or approximately 1 gallon per minute. All of the purge water was placed in 55-gallon drums.

From February 14, 1990, through February 16, 1990, monitoring wells MW-3, MW-5, and MW-8 were developed, and well MW-11 was drilled. This monitoring well was drilled to a depth of 73 feet, including 10 feet into the clay layer. After drilling, an 8-inch carbon steel outer casing was installed to a depth of 73 feet, and it was pushed an additional 1 foot into the clay. A tremie pipe was inserted to a depth of 40 feet, and 35 gallons of grout was pumped into the hole. At this point, the RP contractor determined that the tremie

pipe must be extended further down the hole (i.e., to a depth of approximately 60 feet). The drillers attempted to use a smaller 1/2-inch tremie pipe, but it could only be inserted to a depth of 54 feet. After several additional attempts to insert the tremie pipe to a depth of 60 feet were unsuccessful, the casing was removed from the hole. The borehole was then reamed, and the casing was reinstalled on Monday, February 19, 1990.

Between February 14 and 16, 1990, water levels and total well depths were measured for several of the monitoring wells. The recorded levels and depths were as follows:

<u>Well</u>	Depth to Water (feet)	Total Well Depth (feet)	Height of Well Casing (feet)
MW-2	41.37	62.16	1.53
E-WM	43.82	64.06	2.47
MW-4	49.12	70.87	2.46
MW-6	46.64	70.16	2.84
MW-7	44.34	59. 57	2.22
MW-8	37.52	53.68	1.63
MW-9	39.35	49.42	2.40

From February 20, 1990, through February 23, 1990, monitoring wells MW-1 and MW-9 were developed, and monitoring well MW-11 was re-drilled to a depth of 144 feet using the mud rotary drilling method. During drilling, the clay layer was encountered to a depth of 118 feet, and water was reached at a depth of approximately 135 feet. Continuous split-spoon samples were taken during drilling, and no HNu or OVA readings above background were obtained. All cuttings were drummed, and split-spoon samplers were decontaminated using an Alconox wash, water rinse, methanol rinse, and DI water rinse. The drill rig was decontaminated, and the outer carbon steel well casing was flushed with approximately 1,000 gallons of water prior to drilling.

3.0 PROBLEMS AND RESOLUTIONS

During the installation of well MW-11, the drill rig failed. This caused a delay of two days in drilling activities. To resolve this, the drilling subcontractor brought a new rig onsite. In addition, the drillers could not insert the tremie pipe to a sufficient depth for grouting the borehole after installation of the outer casing at well location MW-11. The problem was due to the minimal 1/2-inch clearance between the riser pipe fitting and the wall of the borehole. To resolve this problem, the casing was pulled, and the borehole was reamed. Subsequently, the outer casing was re-installed and drilling continued.

Due to the inability of the RP contractor to obtain access to the Air Products and Occidental properties for the purpose of installing three additional monitoring wells, further well drilling was postponed. This problem had not been resolved as of the end of the February 1990, and consequently, ground-water sampling will be delayed for at least two months.

4.0 FUTURE ACTIVITIES

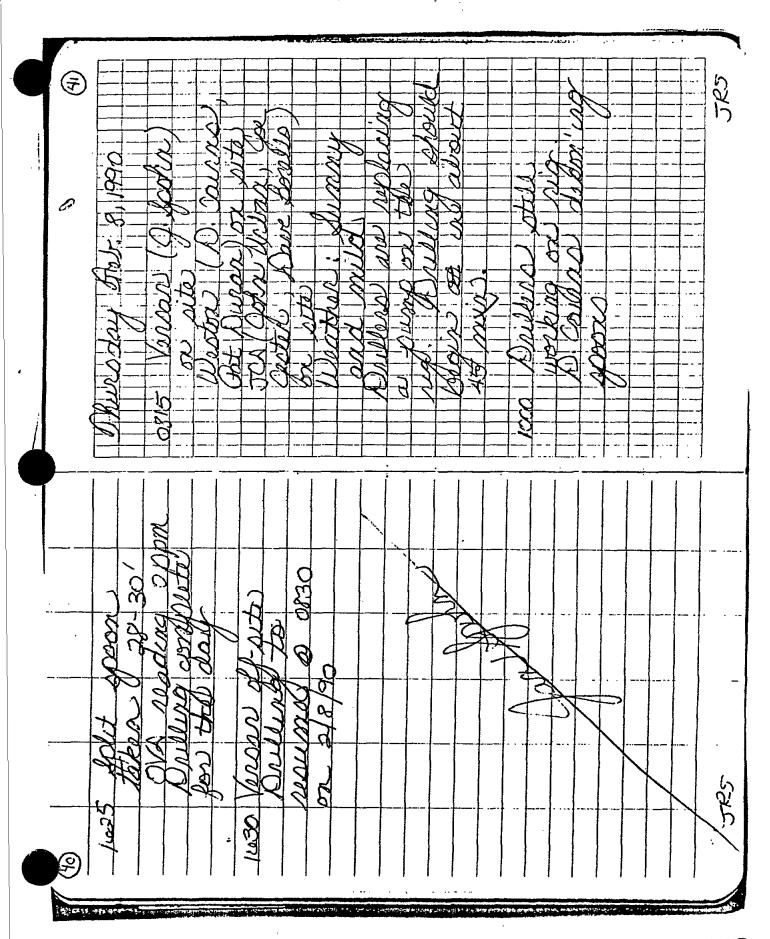
During March, the RP contractor will collect fish samples. Additionally, the RP contractor will attempt to resolve the Air Products and Occidental property access problems, so that the three offsite monitoring wells can be installed. Ground-water sampling, which was originally scheduled for late February and early March, will be delayed until at least May 1990.

ATTACHMENT 1
Copies of Field Notebook

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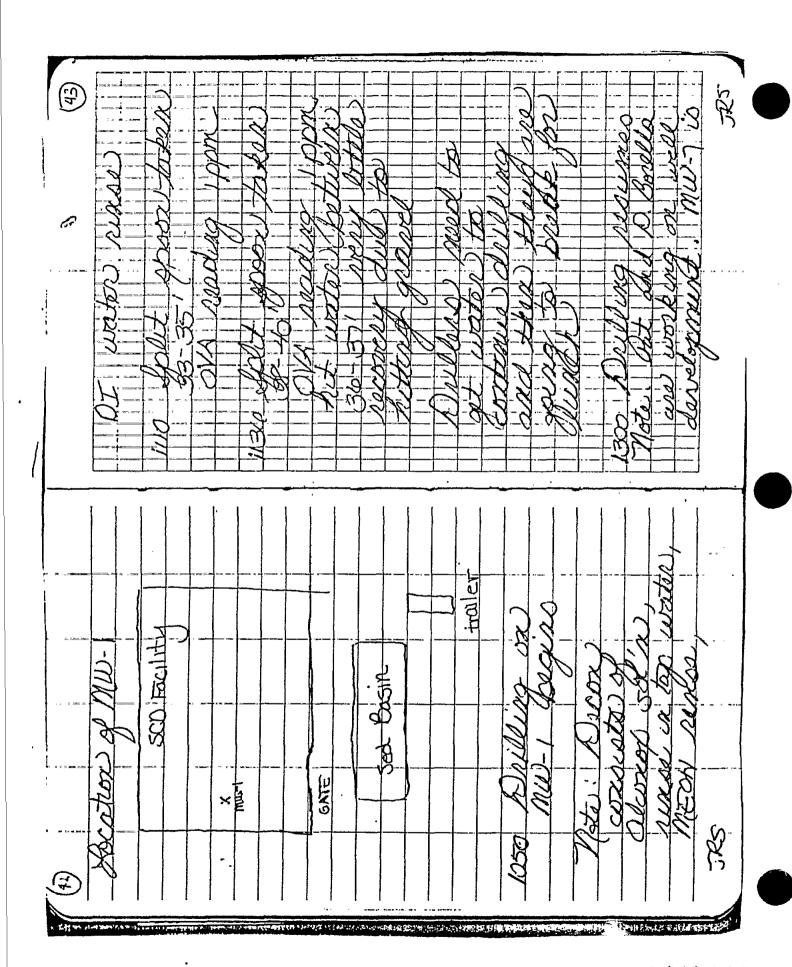
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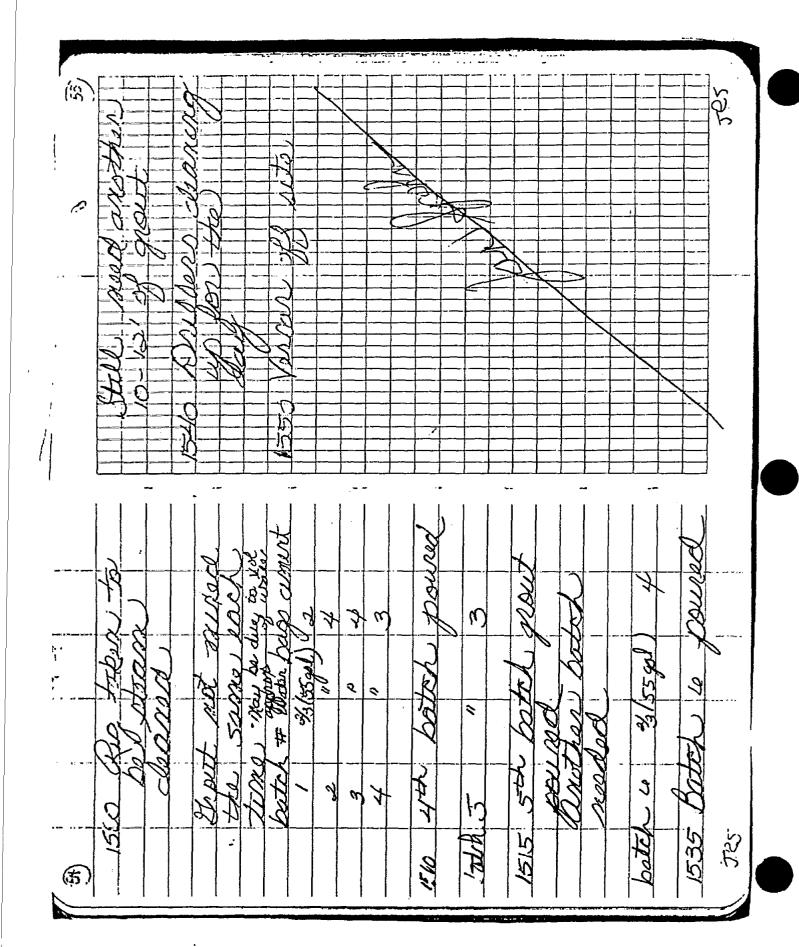
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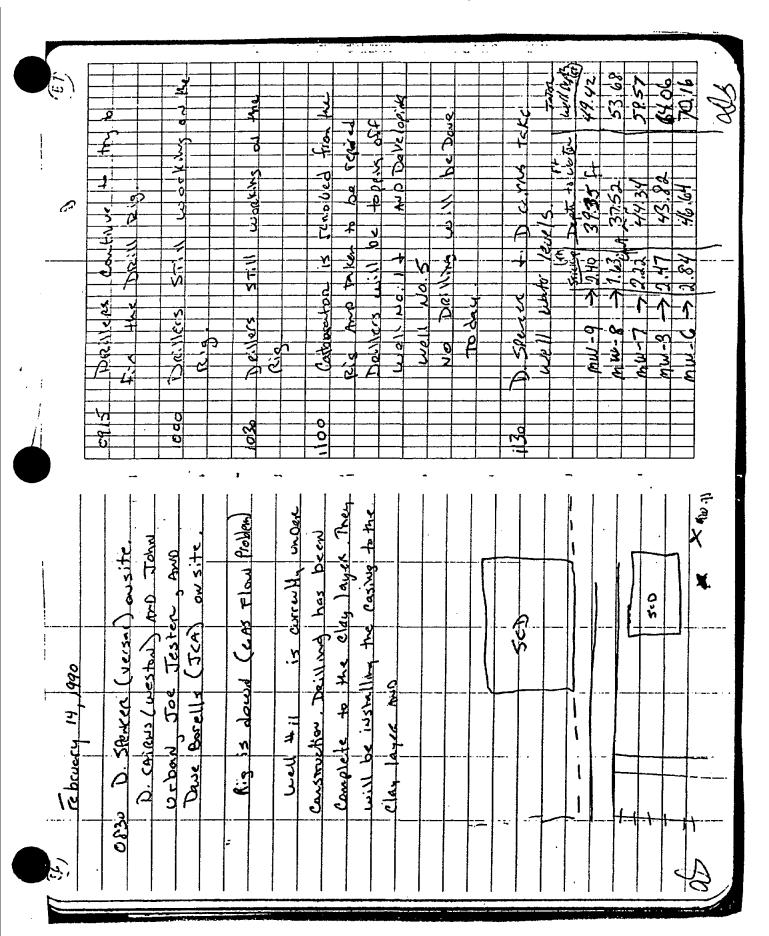
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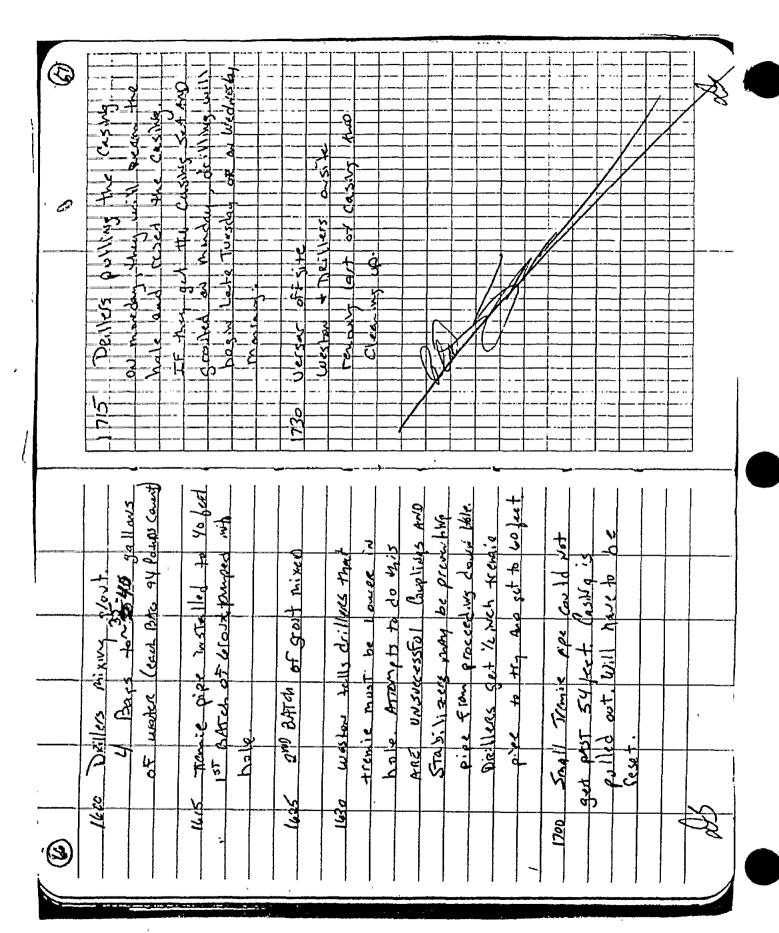




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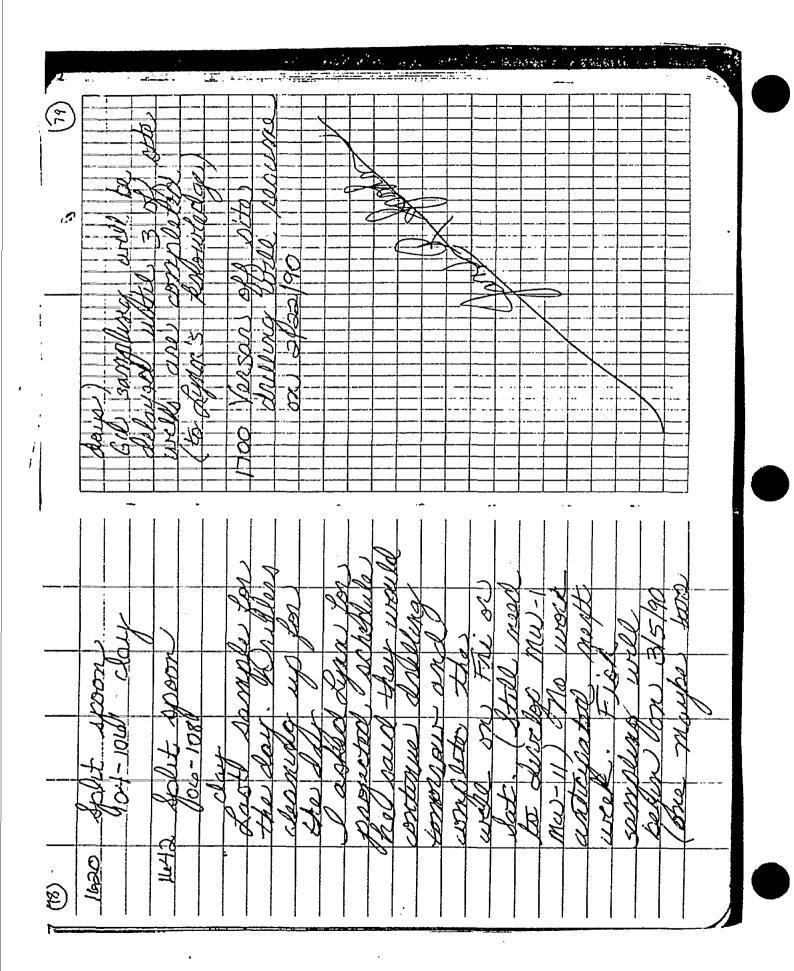
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